



ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## PLANBOOK

### 2026

### North Florida Council

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# **Letter from the Chief**

Hello Echockotee Lodge,

It is truly such a blessing to step into the role of your 2026 Lodge Chief. I am beyond grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I am so excited for everything this year has in store for our Lodge. I cannot wait to grow, serve, and celebrate alongside each and every one of you.

This year, I am especially looking forward to welcoming all of our new Brothers into the Echockotee family. Our Ordeal candidates and members bring such heart, dedication, and spirit to our Lodge, and we are better because of you. Please know how valued and appreciated you are. If you are eligible to seal your membership through Brotherhood, I wholeheartedly encourage you to take that step. It is such a meaningful experience and a beautiful way to deepen your commitment and become more involved in leadership and service.

More than anything, I am excited to see our Lodge come together. When we support one another, uplift one another, and lead with kindness, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Our strength comes from our unity and the love we share for this organization and its purpose. I truly believe that together we will make 2026 a year to remember and continue building a Lodge we are all proud to call home.

Stay tuned, because this year, Echockotee is going prime time.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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# What is the Order of the Arrow?

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. As an integral part of Scouting America, the OA delivers peer-led advanced leadership experiences that help to build lifelong bonds through service and enrich each member's Scouting journey. OA members are defined by the fellowship they share, service to others, commitment to personal growth, and self-driven initiative to make a difference in their community.

## **Vision**

To be why Scouts want to stay in Scouting.

## **Mission**

To achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys.

## **Purpose**

As Scouting's National Honor Society, we forge lifelong bonds among the leaders in Scouting and:

- Recognize those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to act in the same way.
- Reinforce a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.
- Create and deliver peer-led, adult-guided, advanced leadership experiences for Scouts and Scouters that positively impact their unit, community, and ultimately our nation.
- Be an integral part of Scouting America and encourage participation in all it offers through units, outdoor adventures, and national events to further the Scouting experience.

# Brotherhood / Vigil Honor

## **Attaining Brotherhood Membership**

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order. Requirements for Brotherhood Membership:

- Memorize the signs of Arrow membership, including the Obligation, the sign of Ordeal Membership, the song, the handclasp, and the admonition
- Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal
- Serve your unit
- Plan for service in your lodge, and write a letter to the Lodge Secretary detailing your plans for future service

The Brotherhood class (held at each Spring, Summer and Fall Fellowship) addresses these requirements and prepares you for the Brotherhood ceremony.

## **The Vigil Honor**

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, their lodge, and the community. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered within the lodge each year.

# The Ten Inductions Principles

## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of the induction is to encourage and inspire each candidate to develop firm individual dedication to the ideals of Brotherhood and cheerful service.

## **2. Eligibility**

The right to earn Ordeal and Brotherhood membership is given only by the scouts of a candidate's home unit during an authorized Order of the Arrow election. Only the elected candidate can overrule their decision.

## **3. Candidate's Compliance**

The candidate has the continuous choice of meeting the tests of the Ordeal to the best of his ability, or of withdrawing.

## **4. Member's Compliance**

All members participating in an induction must respect and comply with the tests of the ordeal to the extent allowed by their specific responsibilities.

## **5. Discretion**

In cases where strict application of the test and requirements of the Ordeal is not possible, the lodge may choose an alternative that will best preserve the spirit of the induction, and the quality of the candidate's experience.

## **6. Importance of the Individual**

All actions and procedures must recognize the worth, dignity, and separate identity of each individual, and his present or potential ability to govern himself.

## **7. Generosity**

The attitude of members towards the candidate must be one of acceptance, respect, understanding, sincerity, friendly encouragement, support, and trust.

## **8. Focus**

Everything in the lodge-created environment must direct the candidate to the central meaning of the induction and not distract from it.

## **9. Symbolic Progression**

No symbol or symbolic procedure should be mentioned or used unless and until it is called for in the authorized ceremonies.

## **10. Active Membership**

Lodge policy must recognize that one who understands the obligation of the Order and is striving to fulfill it is an active member, and that his dedication in itself accomplishes a major service to the Lodge.

# OA History

The Order of the Arrow began as a camping/ceremonies experiment in May of 1915 at the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp on Treasure Island. E. Urner Goodman, the camp director, and Carroll A. Edson, the assistant director, wanted to start a program to honor those who distinguished themselves in camping and honor.

Goodman had heard of a similar organization called the Woodcraft Indians, in which youth participated in programs directly, modeled off the activities of Native Americans, and used it to help create the beginnings of the experiment. Since the area around the camp was rich in Indian tradition, the two used the Indian lore to build the foundations of their program: the precursor to the Order of the Arrow and its abundance of legends.

To ensure the fairness of inductions, Goodman established the custom that new Order members would be elected by existing members and non-members alike. In addition, in a ceremonial tribute to the virtues of man, inducted Scouts would participate in an Ordeal designed to test their abilities. This Ordeal would challenge them both mentally and physically.

In the first year of the Order, 25 members were inducted into the society. By 1922, the Order was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. From then on, national events/conferences for the Order were held every two years, evolving into what we now know as National Order of the Arrow Conferences (NOAC).

On January 2, 1934, at the National Council Annual Meeting, the National Council officially approved the Order of the Arrow as a BSA program. 14 years later, in May of 1948, the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America officially integrated the Order of the Arrow into the BSA. In half a century, the 1998 Boy Scout Committee recognized the Order of the Arrow as Scouting's National Honor Society.

As of today, there have been over 1 million total inductees in the Order of the Arrow during its 100+ years of service. There are currently more than 170,000 active members in over 295 councils, living the Obligation they uphold.

*An evolution of Order logos over time.*



# Echockotee History

Echockotee Lodge was founded in 1941, with an initial Ordeal held at Camp Echockotee on May 9th of that year. The first Ordeal class of 36 candidates was made up of youth and adults selected by a council committee for their prior service to Scouting and the summer camp program. The initial totem of the lodge was the alligator, but in an organizational meeting that summer, the totem was changed to the left-handed handclasp, and the name of the camp was adopted as the lodge name ("Echockotee" is a Seminole word meaning "we are brothers"). For many years, the lodge was active with summer camp activities, holding meetings at the end of camp or at the Seminole Hotel in Jacksonville. Echockotee hosted the first statewide gathering of lodges, called "Area Meetings", in 1945, 1946, and 1947 (among the first of such gatherings in the country). Not until the mid-1950's did regularly scheduled lodge weekends take place away from summer camp, as Echockotee does today.

The lodge undertook a major portion of the maintenance of Camp Echockotee at fellowships and service days, and did the same when the North Florida Council developed Camp Shands as a new summer camp in 1967. Since then, the lodge has held all of its fellowship weekends at Camp Shands. Besides the work done to make Shands the facility it is today, the lodge worked hard to dominate many of the inter-lodge competitions held at the Area Conferences, building healthy rivalries and traditions that continue to this day. The development of the Dance Team started in the late 1950's, and many Dance Team members have won awards on the Area (now Section) and National level.

In the 1970's, Echockotee built on its legacy of service with additional fixtures at Camp Shands, building the obstacle course and council ring for Section Conferences hosted by the Lodge in 1978 and 1983. Other facilities at Shands that bear the stamp of Echockotee involvement are the rifle range, ecology and handicraft buildings, the dining hall, and the waterfront shelter.

The national OA committee has recognized many Echockotee Lodge members for their service with the Order's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Recipients from the lodge include Kevin Holloway (1977), Jack Butler (1986), Kelly Roberts (1988), Todd Leonard (1994), Greg Hazlehurst (1996) Todd Turner (1998), David Strebler (2000), and Courtney Allen (2004). While so many things about Scouting have changed since the lodge was founded in 1941, some principles remain constant, the most salient being the dedication of Echockotee to the principles of the Order, service to Scouting, and devotion to the camps and camping programs of the North Florida Council.

# Lodge Leadership

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# Echokotee Lodge

## Bylaws

### **I. Mission.**

The mission of this Lodge is to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

### **II. Name and affiliation of the Lodge**

- A. The Lodge shall be known as: Echokotee Lodge 200 W. W. W., North Florida Council No. 87, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping or Boy Scout committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.
- B. The totem of the Lodge shall be the left handclasp.
- C. The Lodge may be divided into chapters at the direct discretion of the Scout Executive. Each chapter shall come under the supervision of the related District camping committee and the District Executive.

### **III. Election to Membership**

- A. The requirements for membership in this lodge are stated in the current Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers.
- B. Elections. All unit elections must be approved by the chapter chief presiding over that chapter and conducted as stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Guide to Officers and Advisers and the Guide to Inductions.
- C. Ordeal Induction. The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Guide to Inductions.

#### **D. Brotherhood Membership. Completion of Brotherhood**

Membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide to Officers and Advisers.

#### **E. Vigil Honor**

1. Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers.
2. Nominations for the Vigil Honor may be made by any dues-paid members of the Lodge and must be submitted by mail or electronically before the deadline established by the Vigil Chairman.
3. The Vigil selection committee shall consist of Arrowmen designated by the Vigil Honor Chairmen. This can include youth that have received the vigil honor, first year brotherhood Arrowmen, and/or ordeals.
4. The Vigil selection meeting date shall be determined by the Vigil Chairman and shall occur at least 2 months before the Winter Fellowship.
  - a) At the beginning of the selection meeting, the Vigil Chairman shall set forth the rules and expectations of the meeting.
5. The Vigil Honor tap-out, ceremony, and recognition banquet shall all occur during the Winter Fellowship and be in accordance with national procedure.

#### **IV. Officers and Advisers**

- A. The officers of the Lodge shall be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Program, Lodge Vice Chief of Administration, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, and Lodge Historian.**
- B. The elected youth must be younger than 21 years of age for the duration of their term.**
- C. Lodge officers shall be elected at the annual Fall Fellowship and installed at the annual Winter Fellowship and shall hold office for a period of one year. The previous lodge officers will be responsible for providing new lodge officer training, which will occur soon after Fall Fellowship and well before Winter Fellowship. The previous lodge officers will also work in conjunction with the newly elected officers, who will be responsible for planning and executing the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), which will occur during Winter Fellowship.**
- D. The officers of each chapter of this Lodge shall consist of the Chapter Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, and other officers as designated by the chapter. These officers must be under 21 years of age for the duration of their term. Chapter officers shall be elected at the Fall Fellowship or at the first chapter meeting following the Fall Fellowship. They shall be installed at Winter Fellowship and shall hold office for a period of one year.**
- E. The Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser, Lodge Associate Advisers, Chapter Advisers, Chapter Staff Advisers, and if needed by the Chapter Adviser, one Associate Chapter Adviser per chapter are appointed by the Scout Executive on an annual basis.**

## **V. Lodge Operating Committees**

- A. Lodge Operating Committees will be determined by the Lodge Chief each year. They will be formed and dissolved in accordance with the needs of the lodge throughout the year as the Lodge Chief sees fit.
- B. The Lodge Chief shall appoint one or two Arrowmen to chair each Lodge Operating Committee.
  - 1. Each Chairman must be younger than 21 years of age for the duration of their term unless otherwise approved by the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
  - 2. The term for Chairman shall follow that of the Lodge Officers.
- C. The Lodge Adviser will designate one adult Arrowman to advise each Lodge Operating Committee.

## **VI. Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)**

- A. The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) shall establish and direct the program and administration of the Lodge. Through its members, it shall carry the business of the Lodge.
- B. Duties prescribed to the LEC include scheduling Lodge events, approving and ratifying Lodge policy, and other duties as designated by the Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisers, and Scout Executive.
- C. Members of the LEC shall be composed of the following:
  - 1. Voting members
    - a) Elected Lodge Officers
    - b) Chapter Chiefs or their designee
    - c) Has-Been (Immediate Past Lodge Chief while under 21 years of age)

## 2. Non-voting members

- a) Lodge Operating Committee Chairmen
- b) Lodge Adviser
- c) Associate Lodge Advisers
- d) Lodge Operating Committee Advisers
- e) Chapter Advisers
- f) Scout Executive or their designee
- g) Lodge Staff Adviser

D. A quorum of at least 50% voting members is needed to open an LEC meeting.

E. Each Lodge meeting (any general body meeting or LEC meeting) shall be opened with all members reciting the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

F. All Lodge meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

G. Committee Chairmen are permitted to make motions, but are ineligible to vote on Lodge matters.

H. The LEC shall hold at least 5 meetings a year.

I. Special meetings of the LEC may be called by the Lodge Chief at any time during the year.

## **VII. Vacancies**

A. In the event of a vacancy for the position of Lodge Chief the position shall be filled by a sitting Vice Chief. If neither Vice Chief wishes to fulfill the position of Lodge Chief, the position must be filled by an elected lodge officer. If more than one elected lodge officer wishes to complete the term of Lodge Chief then the lodge officers, including the candidates for Lodge Chief, will elect the replacement Lodge Chief by majority vote of all the elected lodge officers. The newly elected Chief shall remain a voting member of the LEC.

- B. Vacancy in any Lodge office other than Lodge Chief may be filled, by a qualified Arrowman who shall be elected by the remaining Lodge Officers.
- C. An officer who has announced their intention to resign from their position shall not vote on a replacement officer for that position.
- D. A replacement officer who has not been elected as a Lodge Officer for the current term shall be an officer pro-tempore.
- E. An Arrowman elected by the officers to any position will hold that position as an officer pro-tempore until the selection is ratified by vote of the LEC at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Decisions on the Lodge Officers filling vacant Lodge office shall be reviewed and ratified by a vote of the LEC. Should the LEC fail to ratify a decision of the officers, the LEC will elect a replacement officer subject to restrictions described above.
- F. An Arrowman who assumes an office pro-tempore shall be a non-voting member of the LEC [until the officer replacement is ratified by the LEC in the process described above.]

### **VIII. Officer Impeachment**

- A. A written statement recommending the impeachment of a lodge officer and signed by at least five voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee will be filed with the Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Adviser. If the Lodge Chief is accused, then the statement is to be filed with only the Lodge Secretary and Lodge Adviser. If the Lodge Secretary is accused, then the statement is only to be filed with the Lodge Chief and the Lodge Adviser.

- B.** The statement is then heard at the next meeting of lodge officers called by the Lodge Chief to determine whether or not the actions of the lodge officer as described in the statement are grounds for impeachment. Only Lodge Officers and Advisers will be allowed to be present while the statement is read and discussed. A two-thirds vote by the Lodge Officers is needed for the statement to go before the LEC to determine if the actions are grounds for impeachment of the lodge officer.
- C.** The person(s) who submit the statement will not be allowed in attendance. If the lodge officers vote for the statement to go before the LEC, the person(s) who submitted the statement and lodge officer in question shall be notified and the statement shall be read at the next Lodge Executive Committee meeting. If it is not, only the accuser will be informed.
- D.** The statement must be read by the highest-ranking Lodge Officer not accused at the next LEC meeting.
- E.** After the reading of the charges, the LEC will hold a secret ballot vote on whether an impeachment trial shall be held. A majority vote is needed to call the process. The highest-ranking Lodge Officer not accused will preside over this section of the meeting.
- F.** The impeachment trial shall be held during the next regularly scheduled gathering of the general body of the lodge, and must contain a quorum of at least 75 youth members.

## **G. Trial procedure**

1. The highest-ranking Lodge Officer not accused shall preside over the impeachment trial.
2. The statement shall be reread by the second highest ranking Lodge Officer not accused.
3. The person(s) who submitted the statement shall have ten minutes to present their case if they wish.
4. The Lodge shall have fifteen minutes to question the person(s) who submitted the statement if they presented a case. Questioning may be extended by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge.
5. The lodge officer on trial shall have ten minutes to present their case.
6. The LEC shall have fifteen minutes to question the lodge officer on trial. Questioning may be extended by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge.
7. A secret ballot vote shall then be held.
8. A two-thirds vote of the Lodge is required for removal of the officer on trial from office.
9. An impeached and removed officer may be reinstated to a vacant position with a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Lodge at a subsequent regularly scheduled gathering of the general body of the lodge.

## **IX. Fees**

- A. There shall be an induction fee to be determined by the lodge officers which shall be payable at the time of induction. Upon payment of this fee, each new Ordeal Member shall receive:
1. A current membership card
  2. An Order of the Arrow Ordeal sash
  3. Fellowship Patch
  4. Lodge Flap
  5. Food and other items deemed appropriate
- B. Fees for each Lodge event shall be determined by the lodge officers.

## **C. Dues**

1. Dues of the Lodge, as determined by the lodge officers, shall be collected annually by the Lodge Treasurer or may be paid at or mailed to the Council Service Center at which time membership will be renewed.
2. Dues must be paid by January 1st of each new year.
3. Members who have not paid their dues by April 1st of each new year will be effectively dropped from the Lodge mailing list.
4. An inactive member may be restored to active status upon payment of the current year's dues.

## **X. Lodge Finance**

- A. Any and all Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council Service Center and be processed through all normal Council accounting procedures.
- B. The Lodge will operate with an annual budget prepared by the Lodge Treasurer with the assistance of the Lodge Advisers and the budget shall be submitted to the LEC for approval.
- C. The annual budget year shall run from March 1 to the last day in February of the following year.
- D. In the development of the Lodge's annual budget, appropriate funds will be made available for Chapters and Lodge Operating Committees.
- E. Chapters and Lodge Operating Committees must secure approvals from the Lodge Treasurer and Lodge Adviser before incurring such expenses. All bills approved for payment or reimbursement will be paid by the Council Service Center.

## **XI. Voting**

Only members of Echocotee Lodge who have paid their current dues and who are under the age of 21 years may vote on matters of Lodge business.

## **XII. Lodge Merchandise**

A. All Lodge merchandise shall be produced and sold through the Lodge Box.

### **B. Flaps**

1. Any lodge patches (such as flaps and event patches) produced by the Lodge must be approved by the Lodge Chief before being sent to production.
2. Each member is given one standard Lodge service flap by virtue of his or her induction into Echokotee Lodge and may purchase one service flap patch for every additional eight hours of service as prescribed by the Lodge Executive Committee.
3. All patches and flaps produced by the Lodge must be consistent with the Order of the Arrow and BSA requirements.

## **XIII. Awards**

A. Awards of the Lodge shall be created at the designation of the Lodge Officers and Lodge Advisers.

### **B. Founders' Award**

1. Echokotee Lodge will present the Founders' Award in accordance with national policy which states "lodges may present the award to up to two Arrowmen annually; lodges with more than 1,000 members may present up to three awards, and lodges with more than 1,500 members may present up to four awards."
2. The Founders' Award selection committee shall be determined by the Founders' Award Chairman, with the approval of the Lodge Chief.
3. Nominations for the Founders' Award will be accepted by the Founders' Award Chairman up until the deadline established by the Chairman.
4. The Founders' Award will be awarded once a year, at the Summer Fellowship.

### **C. Arrowman of the Year**

- 1. The Arrowman of the Year award shall be awarded at the Winter Fellowship to one youth Arrowman who performed exceptionally throughout the course of the year with service and dedication to Echockotee Lodge.**
- 2. The Arrowman of the Year award selection committee shall consist of lodge (including associate advisers and advisers of lodge committee chairs) and chapter advisers, who will meet to decide the award's recipient at the Winter Service Day**
- 3. The Arrowman of the Year may be obtained by any dues-paid youth Arrowman, excluding the current Lodge Chief.**

### **D. Echockotee Lodge John Puthuff and Don Kreitzman Service Award**

- 1. Starting in 2006, this award is given annually to two adult Arrowmen who have provided outstanding service to the Lodge.**
- 2. Recipients are selected by the lodge officers and presented the award at the Summer Fellowship.**

### **E. Chapter Chief of the Year**

- 1. The Chapter Chief of the Year is given to a Chapter Chief that has gone above and beyond for their chapter and exceeded expectations of the Lodge Officers.**
- 2. Recipients are selected by the lodge officers and presented the award at the Winter Fellowship.**

### **F. Committee Chairman of the Year**

- 1. The Committee Chairman of the Year is given to a Committee Chairman who provided exemplary service to their Committee and the Lodge throughout the course of the year.**
- 2. Recipients are selected by the lodge officers and presented the award at the Winter Fellowship.**

### **G. Adviser of the Year**

- 1. The Adviser of the Year award is given to one Adviser who provided exemplary service to the Lodge, a Committee or a specific Chapter.**
- 2. Recipients are selected by the lodge officers and presented the awards at the Winter Fellowship.**

#### **XIV. Amendments**

- A. These Lodge rules may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge. All proposed amendments must be mailed to each dues paid member of the Lodge for consideration and study at least 30 days prior to being voted upon. In order for any amendment to take effect, it must be approved by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) affirmative vote of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least 75 dues paid, voting (youth) members.
- B. Any decision by the National Order of the Arrow Committee or the Council Executive Committee that would alter or contradict any part of this body shall be immediately and automatically incorporated herein.

#### **XV. Purpose of the Bylaws**

- A. These bylaws serve the purpose of guiding the inner workings of the lodge and thus list everything that must happen and everything that is prohibited from happening.
- B. Anything not explicitly detailed or outlined in these bylaws is subject to the interpretation and discretion of the Lodge Chief, with guidance by the Lodge Adviser, or the Scout Executive if it is not already outlined by a national Order of the Arrow publication. If it is outlined by a national Order of the Arrow publication, it shall be done in accordance with the publication.

### **Questions about the bylaws?**

**Ask the VCA for more information!**

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# Event Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Spring Fellowship	March 6-8th	Camp Shands
Spring Service Day	April 25th	St. John's River Base
E-5 Section Conference	April 10-12th	Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation
Summer Fellowship	May 15-17th	Camp Shands
Fall Fellowship	September 25-27th	Camp Shands
Section Leadership Summit	November 13-15th	Camp La-No-Che
Winter Service Day	December 5th	Camp Shands
Winter Fellowship	January 8-10th	Camp Shands

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